

REMARKS:

Claims 1-7, 9-21, 23-35, and 37-43 remain in the present Application. A Notice of Allowance has been received in the present application indicating that all of the claims have been allowed.

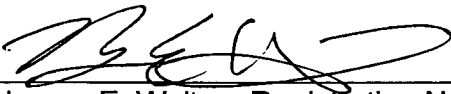
By this Amendment, claims 9-12 and 23-26 have been amended to correct dependency errors arising from the previous cancellation of claims 8 and 22. Specifically, claims 9-12 have been amended to depend from claim 7 rather than from previously-cancelled claim 8, and claims 23-26 have been amended to depend from claim 21 rather than from previously-cancelled claim 22. In view of the typographical nature of the error, no new search is required. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to remain in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed to be necessitated by this Amendment. However, if a fee should be required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. **500777**.

Respectfully submitted,

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